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Applicants : Yoshinori Yamagishi et al.
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111(C)

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated March 24, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire June 24, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 4 of this paper.